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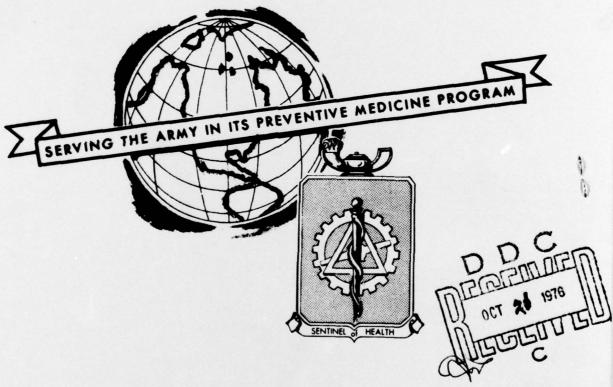




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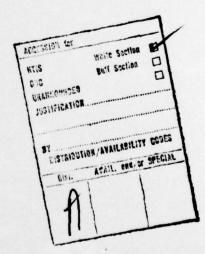
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Recommendations include a requirement for operators to wear protective eyewear when exposed to the shortwave lamps and the placing of labels on all of the lamps.



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- 1. AUTHORITY. Disposition Form, HSE-LT, this Agency, 5 May 1976, subject: Request for Analysis.
- 2. REFERENCES.
- a. AR 40-46, Control of Health Hazards from Lasers and Other High Intensity Optical Sources, 6 February 1974.
 - b. AR 40-5, Health and Environment, 25 September 1974.
- 3. PURPOSE. To evaluate the potential hazards associated with the ultraviolet radiation emitted by several sources and to make recommendations designed to eliminate exposure of unprotected personnel to potentially hazardous ultraviolet radiation emitted by these lamps.
- 4. GENERAL.
- a. Background. The Toxicology Division of the US Army Environmental Hygiene Agency uses several types of ultraviolet lamps for various studies on photochemically induced toxicity. Similar lamps are used throughout Army hospitals in phototherapy. These lamps produce most of their radiation in the UV-A (315 nm 400 nm) spectral region ("BLACKLIGHT") and at 254 nm, an emission line in the mercury spectrum. The 254 nm line of mercury lies in the actinic ultraviolet (200 nm 315 nm). Figure 1 shows a plot of the solar irradiance at sea level from 270 nm 400 nm for comparison to the ultraviolet sources evaluated in this study.
- b. <u>Instrumentation.</u> EG&G 585 Spectroradiometer with High Sensitivity Detector.
- 5. FINDINGS. Figures 2 6 show the spectral irradiance in the region 200 nm 400 nm produced at a distance of 15 cm from the source and also include a short table showing permissible exposure durations.

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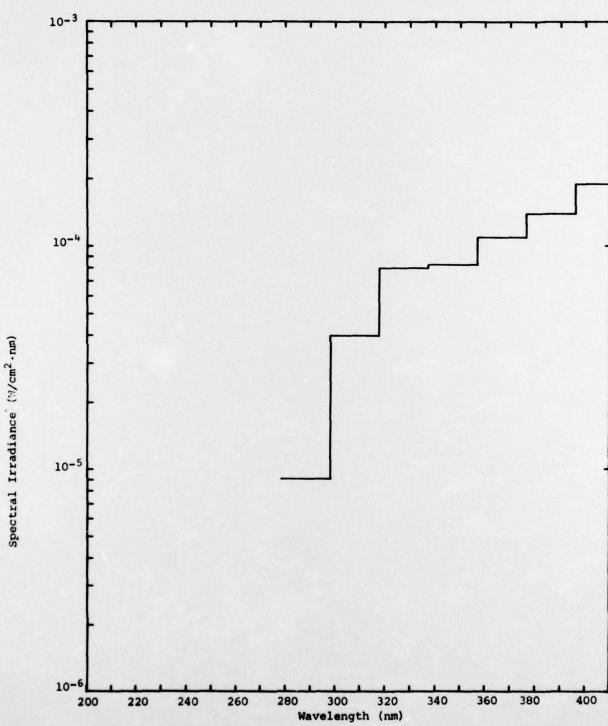


Figure 1. Absolute Solar Spectral Irradiance at Sea Level on a Clear Day

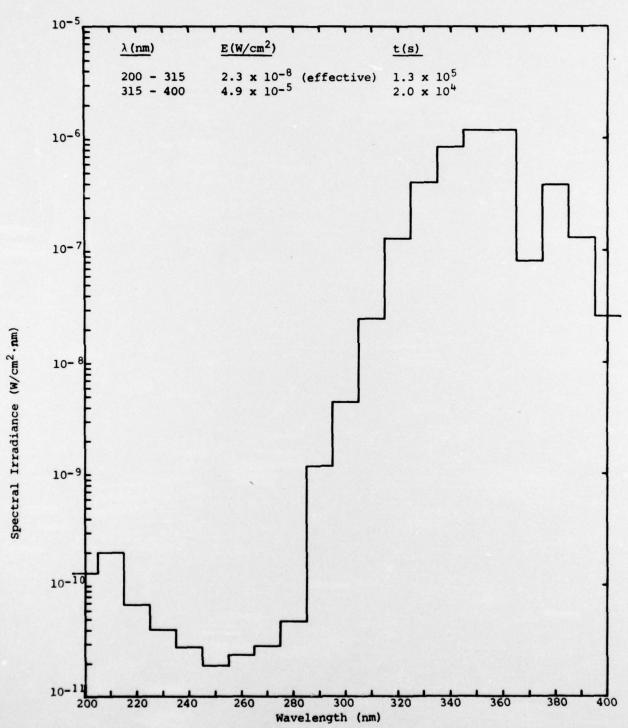


Figure 2. Absolute Spectral Irradiance of the Ultra-Violet Products, Inc., Mineral Light Longwave UVSL25

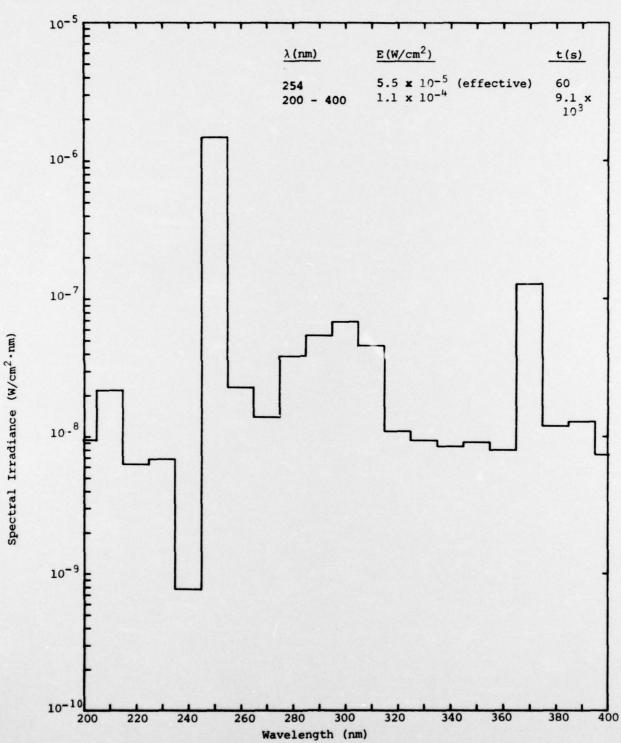


Figure 3. Absolute Spectral Irradiance of the Ultra-Violet Products, Inc., Mineral Light Shortwave UVSL25

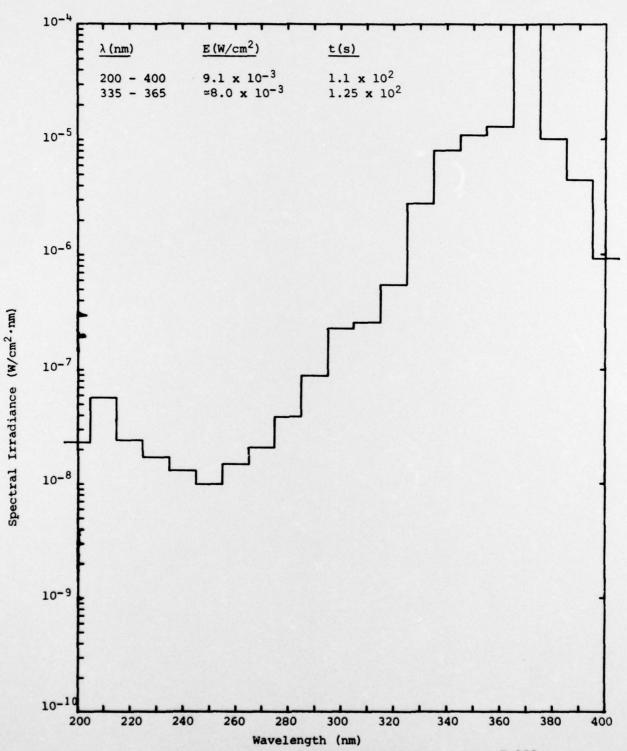


Figure 4. Absolute Spectral Irradiance of Blak-Ray Model B-100 Made by Ultra-Violet Products, Inc., Lamp is H44GS-108

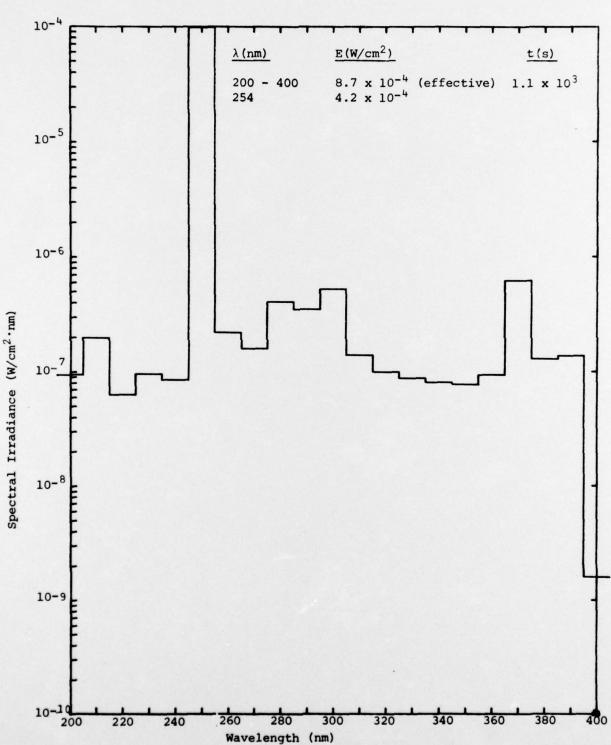


Figure 5. Absolute Spectral Irradiance of the Mineral Light Model R52.
This Fixture is Manufactured by Ultra-Violet Products, Inc.
Note: Spectrum Emitted by Longwave Side No Different from Shortwave.

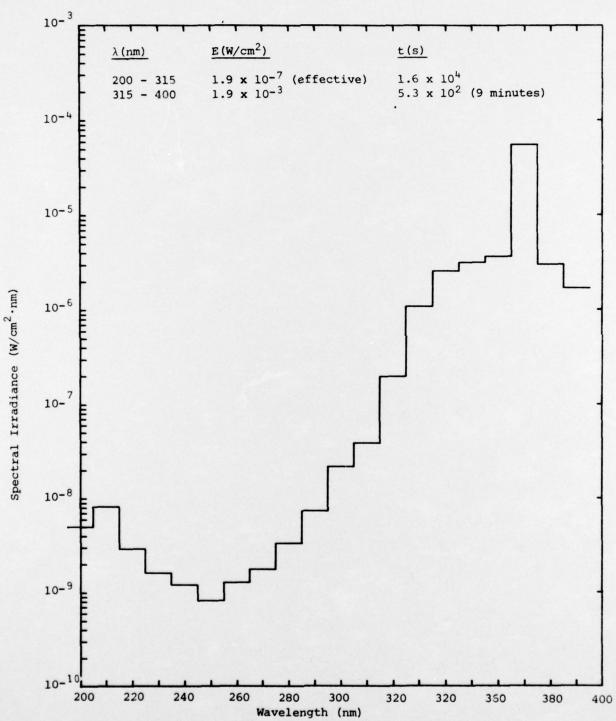


Figure 6. Absolute Spectral Irradiance of the B-100 Spectroline Manufactured by BLACKLIGHT Eastern Corp.

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6. CONCLUSION. The five sources evaluated emit potentially hazardous levels of optical radiation at a distance of 15 cm.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. Provide plastic laboratory goggles to workers who must operate the Mineral Light Model R52 and the shortwave part of the Mineral Light UVSL25. These goggles should be worn during operation of the two Mineral Lights [paragraph 1-5d(3), AR 40-46].
- b. Place labels on the Mineral Light Model R52 and the Mineral Light Shortwave UVSL25 as follows: [paragraph 1-5d(1) of AR 40-46].



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c. Place warning labels on the B-100 Spectroline and B-100 Blak-Ray® as follows:



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